



Biannual Report to the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives

**Organ and Tissue
Donation Advisory
Committee**

2020-2022



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Introduction

Act 102 of 1994 established the Governor Robert P. Casey Memorial Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Trust Fund (Trust Fund), Organ Donation Advisory Committee (ODAC) and Pennsylvania's Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Program (OTDA). In October 2018, Act 90 was signed into law. With the changes that resulted from the passage of Act 90, Pennsylvania's Anatomical Gift Law received significant updates.

Pursuant to Section 8622 (c.1)(5), the advisory committee shall submit a report concerning the advisory committee's activities and progress to the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives by October 31 of each even-numbered year. A final written report under this section shall be adopted at a public meeting.

The attached report was reviewed and adopted at the Organ Donation Advisory Committee meeting held on August 4, 2022. For questions regarding this report, please contact the Department of Health, Office of Legislative Affairs.

The Organ Donation Advisory Committee has the following roles:

- Advises the Secretary of Health on matters relating to the administration of the Governor Robert P. Casey Memorial Organ and Tissue Awareness Trust Fund;
- Reviews progress in the area of organ and tissue donation in the commonwealth;
- Recommends education and awareness training programs;
- Recommends priorities in expenditures from the fund;
- Recommends legislation as it deems necessary to fulfill the statutory chapter on anatomical gifts; and
- Submits progress report to the General Assembly.

Following are the activities and progress of the committee for the period of 2020-2022:

- Collaborated with the organ procurement organizations (OPOs) and Department of Health on Act 11 of 2021 establishing living donor protection act informational material
- Addressing funding concerns by exploring creative funding options via partnerships and grant opportunities
- Exploring mechanisms to increase donor designation rates including:
 - Partnerships with pharmacies and other community level providers
 - Better engagement of potential donors on the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) website
 - Organ donation tabling events at high volume/low donor DMV locations
 - Projects with colleges and universities
- Promoting significant organ donation events such as:
 - Donate Life Month
 - Blue and Green Day
 - PA Donor Day (January 8th)
 - National Donor Day
 - The Hospital and Healthsystem Association of PA (HAP) Donate Life Hospital Challenge
 - National Minority Donor Awareness Day and Month
- Making recommendations to PennDOT for system changes that allow donor designation even when an applicant is renewing electronically.
- Making recommendations to PennDOT and the Department of Health on website edits.
- Reviewing funding of projects such as the education and awareness project administered by Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and the statewide media campaign.
 - PDE, through a subcontract, administers the organ and tissue donation awareness (OTDA) project which seeks to help secondary students consider critical issues that surround organ and tissue donation. Teens can then make an informed decision about donor designation when obtaining a driver's license.
 - The OTDA program also provides educational opportunities for students and educators and provides mini grants to schools to spread awareness about organ and tissue donation by integrating organ, eye, and tissue donation topics across the school curriculum. On average, 12 mini grants are awarded annually.
- Reviewing and offering suggested edits to the Department of Health budget documents.

- Continuing to develop and promote relationships with partners, such as Pennie, PA’s official health and dental insurance coverage marketplace and HuntFishPA (the joint licensing service for the PA Game Commission and the PA Fish & Boat Commission).
- Grief Counseling workgroup: as the Department of Health sought to expand provider participation in the Grief Counseling Program, advisory committee members as well as OPO program staff served as collaborators and subject matter experts to guide the process.
- Additionally, the committee developed and adopted a new vision statement. The vision statement is: **“Pennsylvania, where organ and tissue donation meets organ and tissue need, and no one dies or suffers awaiting a transplant.”**

As of **March 31, 2022**, the donor designation share (DDS) in Pennsylvania was 49.63 percent. By way of comparison, the designation rate in 2021 was 49.70 percent and the rate in 2020 was 49.54 percent. DDS represents the percentage of Pennsylvanians who have a driver’s license or an identification card through PennDOT and are registered as an organ donor.

The following information is provided to illustrate the impact organ donation has on saving or transforming the life of the transplant recipient:

Deceased Donors Recovered by Pa. OPOs July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2022

OPO Name	July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021		July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022	
	# Donors	# Organs Transplanted	# Donors	# Organs Transplanted
Gift of Life Donor Program	662	1618	690	1756
Center for Organ Recovery and Education	231	541	222	496
Total	893	2159	912	2252

Meeting agendas are provided as an appendix to this report.

Appendix

Meeting agendas for the following dates are attached after the appendix page:

- Aug. 6, 2020
- Nov. 5, 2020
- Feb. 4, 2021
- May 6, 2021
- Aug. 5, 2021
- Nov. 4, 2021
- Feb. 3, 2022
- May 5, 2022
- Aug. 4, 2022

**ORGAN DONATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

**Thursday, August 6, 2020
10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Skype Conference Call**

Introductions and Welcome 10:00	Lisa Battat
Introduction to New Bureau Director 10:05	Kelly Holland
Conflict of Interest Statement 10:10	Amy Flaherty
Review and Adoption of Minutes 10:15	Lisa Battat
Update on COVID-19 Related to Organ Donation 10:20	OPOs
Act 90 Implementation 10:50	DOH/OPOs
Adoption of Biannual Report 11:00	DOH/ODAC
Marketing and Communications Update/Year 3 Plan 11:15	Tierney
Trust Fund Budget 12:15	Amy Flaherty
Updates 12:30	
– Education	Karen Herr
– Hospital Challenge	Mary Marshall
– Health	Amy Flaherty
o 21/22 Budget	
o ODAC Bylaws	
– PennDOT	Diego Sandino
Meeting Wrap-up/Next Steps 12:45	Lisa Battat

Next Meeting

- Thursday, November 5, 2020

**ORGAN DONATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

**Thursday, November 5, 2020
10:00 am – 1:30 pm
Skype Conference Call
Call-in number: 1 (267) 332-8737
Conference ID: 840024143**

Introductions and Welcome 10:00	Lisa Battat
Conflict of Interest Statement 10:05	Amy Flaherty
Review and Adoption of Minutes 10:10	Lisa Battat
Grief Counseling Discussion 10:15	Lara Moretti
Updates 10:45	
➤ Education	Karen Herr
➤ Hospital Challenge	Mary Marshall
➤ Health	Amy Flaherty
▪ Act 90 Implementation	
▪ Trust Fund Budget	
➤ PennDOT	Diego Sandino
Continuing Education Modules per Act 90 11:15	Christie Ryan and Gwen O'Shaughnessy
BREAK 11:45	
Update on COVID-19 Related to Organ Donation 12:00	OPOs
Marketing and Communications Update 12:30	Tierney
Meeting Wrap-up/Next Steps 1:30	Lisa Battat

Next Meeting

- Thursday, February 4, 2021 (virtual)
- Thursday, May 6, 2021
- Thursday, August 5, 2021
- Thursday, November 4, 2021

**ORGAN DONATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

Thursday, February 4, 2021

10:00 am – 1:30 pm

Skype Meeting

Phone number: (267) 332-8737

Conference ID: 93985146

Introductions and Welcome 10:00	Lisa Battat
Conflict of Interest Statement 10:05	Amy Flaherty
Review and Adoption of Minutes 10:10	Lisa Battat
Updates 10:15	
➤ Education	Karen Herr
➤ Hospital Challenge	Mary Marshall
➤ PennDOT	Diego Sandino
➤ Health	Amy Flaherty
▪ Bylaws update	
Budget Discussion 10:45	DOH
BREAK 11:15	
Marketing and Communications Update 11:30	Tierney
Meeting Wrap-up/Next Steps 12:45	Lisa Battat

Next Meeting

- Thursday, May 6, 2021
- Thursday, August 5, 2021
- Thursday, November 4, 2021

**ORGAN DONATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

**Thursday, May 6, 2021
10:00 am – 1:30 pm
Microsoft Teams Meeting
Phone number: 267-332-8737
Conference ID: 923 749896**

Introductions and Welcome 10:00	Lisa Battat
Conflict of Interest Statement 10:05	Amy Flaherty
Review and Adoption of Minutes 10:10	Lisa Battat
Updates 10:15	
➤ Education	Karen Herr
➤ Hospital Challenge	Mary Marshall
➤ PennDOT	Diego Sandino
➤ Health	Amy Flaherty
Vision Statement Revision 10:45	Discussion
Budget 11:15	DOH
BREAK 11:45	
Marketing and Communications Update 12:00	Tierney
Legislative Updates 1:00	Lisa Battat
Meeting Wrap-up/Next Steps 1:30	Lisa Battat
<u>Next Meeting</u>	
– Thursday, August 5, 2021	
– Thursday, November 4, 2021	

**ORGAN DONATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

**Thursday, August 5, 2021
10:00 am – 1:30 pm
Microsoft Teams Meeting
Phone number : 267-332-8737
Conference ID: 737 204 133#**

Introductions and Welcome 10:00	Lisa Battat
Conflict of Interest Statement 10:05	Antaunette Wallen
Review and Adoption of Minutes 10:10	Lisa Battat
Updates 10:15	
➤ PennDOT	Diego Sandino
➤ Education	Karen Herr
➤ Hospital Challenge	Antaunette Wallen
➤ Health	Antaunette Wallen
➤ Grief Counseling	Lisa Battat
Guest Speaker 10:45 Donate Life America	Hilary Czarda or David Fleming
Funeral Benefit Compensation (Discussion) 11:20	Lisa Battat
BREAK 11:50	
Marketing and Communications Update 12:00	Tierney
Meeting Wrap-up/Next Steps 1:30	Lisa Battat
<u>Next Meeting(s)</u>	
– Thursday, November 4, 2021	
– Thursday, February 3, 2022	

**ORGAN DONATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

**Thursday, November 4, 2021
10:00 am – 1:30 pm
Microsoft Teams Meeting
Phone number: 267-332-8737
Conference ID: 737 204 133#**

Introductions and Welcome 10:00	Lisa Battat
Attendance and Conflict of Interest Statement 10:05	Amy Flaherty
Review and Adoption of Minutes 10:10	Lisa Battat
Updates 10:15	
➤ PennDOT	Diego Sandino
➤ Education	John Kashatus
➤ Hospital Challenge	Antaunette Wallen
➤ Health	Amy Flaherty
➤ Grief Counseling	Lisa Battat
➤ Funeral Benefits	Amy Flaherty
 BREAK 11:45	
Marketing and Communications Update 12:00	Tierney
Meeting Wrap-up/Updates/Next Steps 1:00	Lisa Battat
○ PA Coroner’s Association update	
○ Revised Vision Statement Status	
○ Proposed LBFC Draft Response	

Proposed Calendar Year 2022 ODAC Meeting Dates:

- Thursday, February 3, 2022
- Thursday, May 5, 2022
- Thursday, August 4, 2022
- Thursday, November 3, 2022

**ORGAN DONATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

**Thursday, February 3, 2022
10:00 am – 1:30 pm
Microsoft Teams Meeting
Phone number: 267-332-8737
Conference ID: 737 204133#**

Introductions and Welcome 10:00	Lisa Battat
Attendance and Conflict of Interest Statement 10:05	Amy Flaherty
Review and Adoption of Minutes 10:10	Lisa Battat
Updates 10:15	
➤ PennDOT	Diego Sandino
➤ Education	Karen Herr
➤ Hospital Challenge	Antaunette Wallen
➤ Health	Amy Flaherty
➤ Grief Counseling	Lisa Battat
Presentation: History of the PA Organ Donor Program 11:15	Howard Nathan
BREAK 12:15	
Marketing and Communications Update 12:20	Tierney
Meeting Wrap-up/Updates/Next Steps 1:00	Lisa Battat
○ Vision Statement Status	
○ Proposed LBFC Draft Response	
Meeting Adjourned 1:30	

Remaining Calendar Year 2022 ODAC Meeting Dates:

- Thursday, May 5, 2022
- Thursday, August 4, 2022
- Thursday, November 3, 2022

**ORGAN DONATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

Thursday, May 5, 2022

9:00 am – 12:30 pm

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Phone number: 267-332-8737

Conference ID: 923 749 896

Introductions and Welcome 9:00	Lisa Battat
Conflict of Interest Statement 9:05	Amy Flaherty
Review and Adoption of Minutes 9:10	Lisa Battat
Updates 9:15	
➤ Education	Karen Herr
➤ Hospital Challenge	Antaunette Wallen
➤ PennDOT	Diego Sandino
➤ Health and Budget	Amy Flaherty
History: Organ Donor Advisory Committee (ODAC) 10:00	Howard Nathan
Break 11:00	
Marketing and Communications Update 11:15	Tierney
Meeting Wrap-up/Next Steps 12:15	Lisa Battat
Meeting Adjournment 12:30	Lisa Battat

Next Meetings

- Thursday, August 4, 2022
- Thursday, November 3, 2022

**ORGAN DONATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

**Thursday, August 4, 2022
10:00 am – 1:30 pm
Microsoft Teams Meeting
Phone number: 267-332-8737
Conference ID: 923 749896**

Introductions and Welcome 10:00	Lisa Battat
Conflict of Interest Statement 10:05	Amy Flaherty
Review and Adoption of Minutes 10:10	Lisa Battat
Updates 10:15	
➤ PennDOT	Diego Sandino
➤ Hospital Challenge	Antaunette Wallen
➤ Education	Karen Herr
➤ Health and Budget	Amy Flaherty
Adopt Revised Bylaws Discussion 11:15	Amy Flaherty
Biannual Legislative Report 11:25	Amy Flaherty
Special Presentation: An Update on the Efforts of the National Kidney Foundation 11:35	Marielle Van Thuyne, Kenny Justice, Bob Wright
Break 12:20	
Marketing and Communications Update 12:30	Tierney
Meeting Wrap-up/Next Steps Discuss in-person meeting in November 1:15	Lisa Battat
Meeting Adjournment 1:30	Lisa Battat

Next Meeting

– Thursday, November 3, 2022